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SUBJECT: MBFR - UK CONCERN ABOUT NUCLEAR OPTION

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WE CALLED ON TICKELL TODAY TO GIVE HIM DEPT'S VIEWS ON
MBFR CONSULTATION NEXT MONTH. TICKELL SAID:

A. UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS WORKING OUT DETAILED
ARRANGEMENTS. CONSULTATION ON OCTOBER 11 WOULD BE BEST
FOR HIM TOO. MAKINS HAS TOLD OR WILL TELL LOEWENSTEIN
THAT TICKELL APPRECIATES HIS INVITATION BUT LEAVES TO
MAKINS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT FOR LUNCH OR DINNER
ON THE 11TH.

B. HE DOES NOT WANT TO GET INTO SUCH DETAILED
QUESTIONS AS DATA AND AIR MANPOWER; THESE MATTERS CAN BE
ADEQUATELY LEFT TO EXPERTS IN NATO. RATHER HE WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE A "BROAD" TALK ABOUT MBFR.

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C. WHILE APPRECIATING THAT US SIDE WILL NOT HAVE
ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT OPTION III BEYOND DISCUSSIONS
LAST MARCH, HE WILL PRESENT BRITISH VIEWS. IN THIS
CONNECTION TICKELL SAID BRITISH ARE PREPARING A PAPER ON
NUCLEAR QUESTIONS WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO
US SIDE BEFORE OCTOBER 11 CONSULTATIONS.
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